Development of a small radar by DRDO

1792. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Research and Development Organization has developed an indigenous small radar which could be fitted on the naval vessels to monitor movements across vast stretches of sea;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which this will improve the coastal surveillance by naval forces?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERN ANDES): (a) No such radar tha can be fitted on the naval vessels to monitor movements across the sea has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Military cooperation with the USA and Russia

†1793. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to enter into military cooperation with the USA and Russia;

(b) if so, whether Government have initiated any action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) India has a long history of military cooperation with both USA and Russia.

In January, 1995, India and the US agreed to further their defence relations by setting up an Indo-US Defence Policy Group (DPG), to discuss strategic defence issues. Under the Defence Policy Group,

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